



JEREMIAH'S PLACE

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Annual Report 2025





2025 Board Members:

Seated: Betsy Eubanks, William Maxwell, Jim Carroll, Steve Ferrell (Chair), Sally Trapnell

Standing: Elizabeth Ours, Sally Kelley, Lisa Baumgarth, Juanita Tipton (Secretary), Whitney Huddleston, Bob Andriakis, Steve Quehl (Vice Chair)

Not pictured: David Thrailkill (Treasurer), Bridgette Barker

Dear Friends,

At the start of the year, I could not have anticipated how God would wonderfully bless this ministry. I am now pleased to share, on behalf of the Board, Jeremiah's Place is currently operating at capacity to encourage families and individuals to transition from homelessness to independence as a demonstration of God's love for each person served! This positive news is due to several reasons.

We have been blessed with a staff who love and minister to those we serve. Thank you, Della, Nancy, and Erynn. We are privileged to once again collaborate with the community churches and agencies who also serve families in need. We have received unwavering support from the Women of Jeremiah's Place and many other incredible volunteers. We remain immensely grateful to our loyal donors, friends, and colleagues who continue to make our ministry possible.

As we step into a new year, I am confident that God will continue to bless our efforts to provide transitional housing, counseling, and basic life skills to assist families to become self-sufficient and productive citizens.

**Sincerely,
Steve Ferrell, Chairman**

Chairman of the NGIM Board of Directors

Transitional Housing

Our purpose is to offer families experiencing homelessness a safe, short-term place to breathe, rebuild, and begin again. Through deeply personalized and compassionate case management, we walk alongside each family, helping them regain stability and prepare for permanent housing right here in their own community.

My son and I resided at Jeremiah's Place after escaping an abusive relationship that almost killed me last December. I literally left with nothing but a few clothes and my son. My (abuser) burned all of our belongings. I now have my own apartment and am able to give back to this community and bless others.

"K" JP Graduate



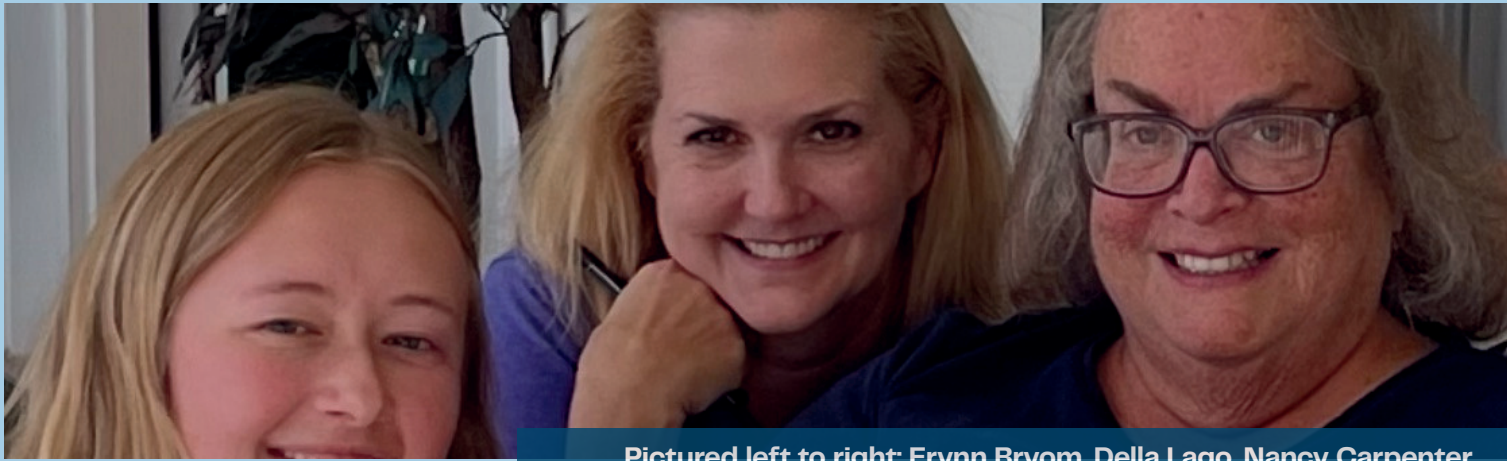
When I first arrived, I was lost, searching for stability, a sense of purpose. Jeremiah's Place has reminded me that no matter how far you've fallen, with God's grace there is always hope, healing, and a brand-new start.

"L" JP Graduate

17 adults and 14 children were provided housing including families, single women, and single parents



Executive Director



Pictured left to right: Erynn Bryom, Della Lago, Nancy Carpenter

Since opening our doors in 2015, Jeremiah's Place has had the privilege of walking alongside families in our community who need a safe place to rebuild. For those of you who have been part of this ministry from the very beginning, I imagine you share the same sense of awe that I do at what God has done in just ten short years since this vision was planted. What began as a hope and a prayer has grown into a living, breathing community of support, compassion, and transformation. As you read through this annual report, I hope you'll take a moment to see the words of gratitude shared by our residents. They tell me to, "Make sure people know how thankful we are." Your generosity, your prayers, your time, and your advocacy make a real and lasting difference in the lives of parents and children seeking stability and peace.

This year brought many blessings. We welcomed six new members to our Board of Directors, and we expanded our staff with the addition of Nancy Carpenter and Erynn Bryom, whose presence has strengthened our daily operations and our capacity to serve. Most remarkably, our volunteers gave 2,090 hours of their time—equivalent to nearly 40 hours every week for an entire year. Truly, the heart and hands of this ministry are the people who show up faithfully and joyfully to serve. But the greatest joy of all continues to be witnessing the transformation that happens when families are given the space to breathe, rest, and rebuild. One resident recently told me that for the first time in her life, she could think beyond survival and actually *dream* about her family's future.

And isn't that the promise we hold onto?

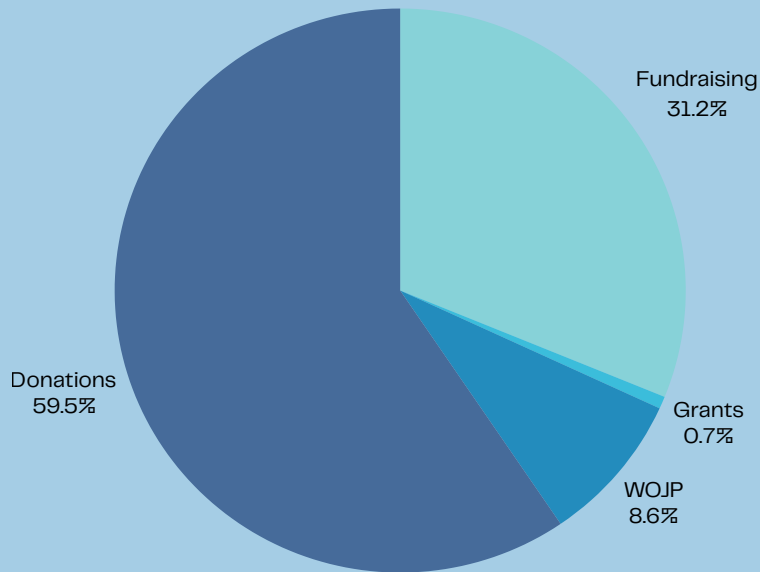
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord ... "plans to give you a future and a hope." — Jeremiah 29:11

Thank you for being part of this story of hope. With deep gratitude,
Della Lago - Executive Director

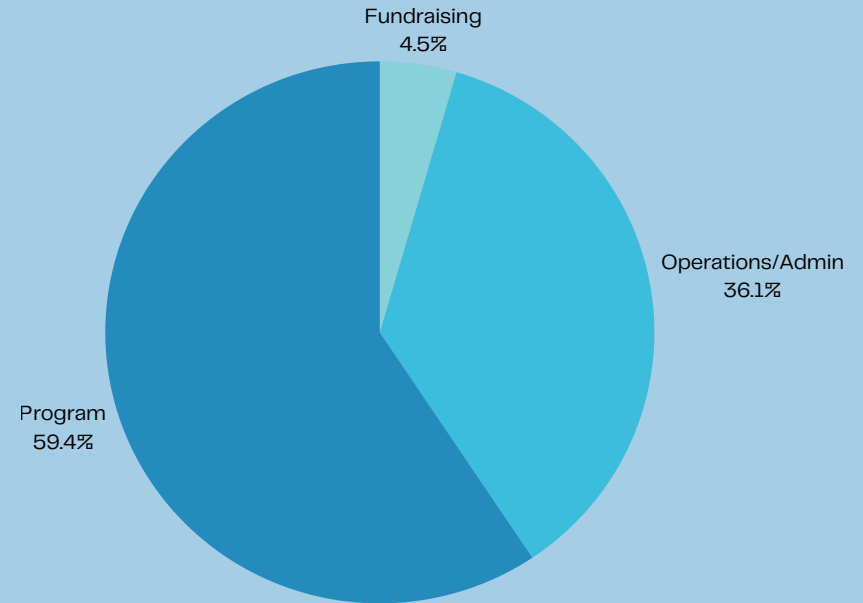
How We Receive Financial Support

JEREMIAH'S PLACE RECEIVES MORE APPLICATIONS EACH YEAR THAN IT IS ABLE TO SERVE. FAMILIES WHO MAKE IT THROUGH THE APPLICATION PROCESS BECOME OUR RESIDENT FAMILIES AND MUST BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THE ABILITY TO FIND AND MAINTAIN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, A STRONG COMMITMENT TO OVERCOMING THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO THEIR HOMELESSNESS, A PERSEVERANCE THAT WILL HELP THEM ADHERE TO PROGRAM'S STRINGENT GUIDELINES.

YTD 2025 Income:
Our generous supporters
have given \$140,000.



2025 EXPENSES:
YTD total expenses were
\$145,000.



***Year to Date as of 10/1/2025**

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

***Financial Disclosure:** North Georgia Interfaith Ministries, Inc. dba Jeremiah's Place is designated a 501 (c) 3 fully compliant with all federal and state laws. Yearly audits are available upon request. For additional information, please contact our office.

Women of Jeremiah's Place

The Women of Jeremiah's Place (TWOJP) began their sixth year as an organization in 2025. We stand strong at 151 members, thanks to women who have a heart to serve the program participants residing at Jeremiah's Place. What a blessing to walk alongside them as they strive to better their lives and those of their families! Our mission is to ensure that no family goes without the essentials during their stay at Jeremiah's Place and that they transition to a more stable life knowing they were loved by a special group of women.

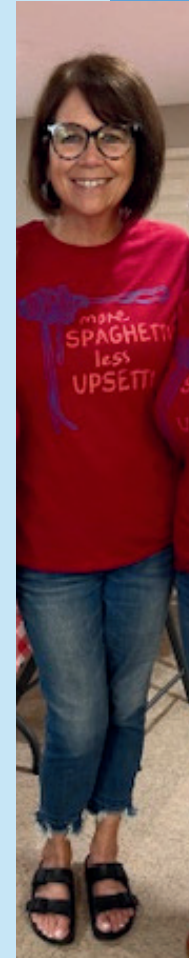
From January 2025 through September 2025, TWOJP spent \$13,077 in support of the program participants. Monies were used to help purchase a new gate at JP, several sets of tires for residents, clothes, groceries, gas vouchers, baby furniture, birthday and holiday gifts, karate classes for one of the children, and the purchase of numerous other needed items.

During the JP staff transition, volunteers from TWOJP assisted the JP Board in ensuring that the ministry continued to operate until new staff members were hired. Beth Anne Ehrhart volunteers part-time in the office; Shirley Chastain and Cathy McDougal input donor data; Judy Wheeler and Debra Tyson head up two crockpot teams who provide a recipe, along with meal ingredients, to cook each month; Catherine Ariemma organizes/leads the cleaning team. Our volunteer hours totaled approximately 620 hours during the period from January to October alone. What an incredible testament to our members' selfless hearts!

Beginning in 2025, the Board of Jeremiah's Place proposed that TWOJP have a permanent position on the Board. We were thrilled to accept their proposal, which will enhance unity between the two entities.

During April and August 2025, we hosted membership dinner meetings. We heard staff updates and testimonials from the residents, reminding us exactly why our group exists! During our dinner meeting on December 9, 2025, we will celebrate the privilege of serving this ministry another year as we look forward to continuing to serve in 2026. For those of you reading this annual report, please consider joining our group! You may reach me at skelley@ung.edu. Trust me, as you bless others, you'll walk away with the most incredible blessing!

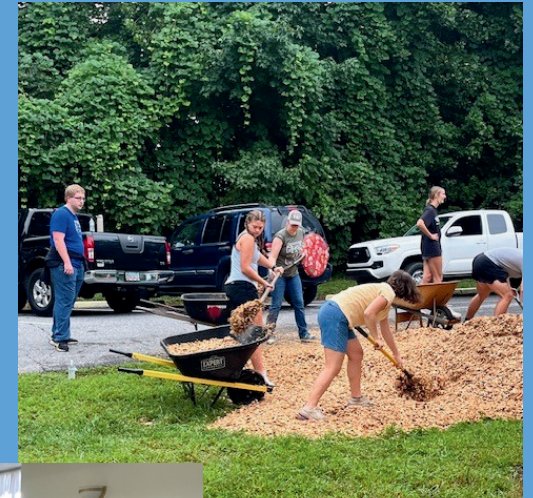
Salley Kelley



VOLUNTEERS

I give my time to JP because it is a small way to help those who are trying to help themselves. JP is all about teaching people to “fish”, so they may eat for a lifetime (literally). As I clean units, I think about the people who will come into the unit. I hope they find the cleanliness is calming and allows them to take the next steps toward independence and a faith based life with a clean slate.

Catherine Ariemma, volunteer



I volunteer at Jeremiah's Place to live out Jesus's instructions to show his love to the world. I'm inspired by the residents who overcome difficult circumstances with the help of JP and the love of Jesus!

Beth Anne Ehrhart

2025 Volunteer of the Year



144 Crockpot Meals

308 hours of
one on one
mentoring

Gave out \$2100
worth of toiletries





Men of Jeremiah's Place

We have been establishing a group of men to volunteer and support Jeremiah's Place in whatever way we can. Our vision is to have men from various churches partner with Jeremiah's Place to help provide support through cleanups, mentoring, maintenance, and other projects. Our group of volunteers on the facility management side, along with representatives at our partner churches, plan to meet at least quarterly to plan for various projects that may be coming up. We hope to have a list of contacts at each partnering church by the end of the year. However, in the meantime, please email (Jeremiah's Place or me) if you wish to ask about volunteer opportunities. MOJP@jeremiahsplace.net
William Maxwell

How To Help!

At Jeremiah's Place, we believe that transforming lives begins with a community driven by faith and compassion. There are many ways you can be part of this greater purpose and make a lasting difference:

SUPPORT FINANCIALLY: Your generous donations provide meals, shelter, and life-changing programs for the most vulnerable in our community. Every contribution brings hope to those in need.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME: Whether preparing meals, performing facility maintenance, mentoring, or assisting with our programs, your time and talents have the power to change lives and build connections.

PRAY WITH US: Prayer is the foundation of our ministry. Your prayers for our residents, staff, and volunteers bring strength and hope to those we serve. Together, through financial support, volunteering, and prayer, we can reflect God's love and transform lives in Lumpkin County. Join us in creating a brighter future for our neighbors in need.



Did You Know?

On any given night an estimated 30 individuals are unsheltered in Lumpkin County?*

Our 7- unit transitional housing facility stays at capacity year-round. Did you know that 68% of all applications we received are eligible for our program, but we only have housing for a small fraction of these families.

*Dca.georgia.gov Point In Time Homeless Count 2024

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LOOKING FORWARD TO 2026!

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declared the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jer. 29:11

